

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

Telangana State Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of Forest land to an extent of **1.0935 Ha** passing through various RFs of Nalgonda Forest Division of Nalgonda District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad – Final **(Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 12

Dated: 11-03-2024

Read the following:-

- 1.From the PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd, Ref.No.6784/2021/FCA-3, Dated:26.02.2022.
- 2.Govt.Lr.No.885/For.I(1)/2022, dt:13-05-2022.
- 3.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, Hyd., F.No.4-TSB281/2022-HYD/768, dt:25.10.2022.
- 4.From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd. RC.No. PCCF-FC3/FC15/46/2022-FCA Section, Dated:31.08.2023.
5. Govt.Letter.No.885/ For.I(1)/2023, Dt:25.09.2023.
- 6.From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub Office(RO, Chennai) Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSB281/2022-HYD/828, Dt.10.11.2023.

O R D E R

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of Forest land to an extent of **1.0935 Ha** passing through various RFs of Nalgonda Forest Division of Nalgonda District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfilment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub Office(RO, Chennai) Hyderabad for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of Forest land to an extent of **1.0935 Ha** passing through various RFs of Nalgonda Forest Division of Nalgonda District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road for execution of T-Fiber Project in favour of M/s Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited, Hyderabad, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

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- ii. The demarcation of the proposed forest area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the User Agency prior to execution of work in consultation with the DFO/DCF concerned. Work of the project should not start before the demarcation of proposed forest is completed.
- iii. Compensatory Afforestation.
 - a. Compensatory Afforestation may be taken up by the Forest Department over 2.1084 ha degraded forest land identified in Compartment No 71, RF-Nellikal, Range-Nagarjunasagar, Division-Nagarjunasagar, at the cost of the user agency. A mixture of local indigenous forestry tree species shall be planted and mono culture of any species shall be avoided.
 - b. Since CA is proposed within the Tiger Reserve area, plantations within the TR shall be raised as per the approved management plan.
 - c. The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per the compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provisions for anticipated cost increases for works scheduled for subsequent years.
- iv. The additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
- v. The Forest Department shall not allow felling of trees in the diverted forest land by the User Agency.
- vi. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to designated CAMPA account of the state only through e-portal.
- vii. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- viii. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- ix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- x. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- xi. The fieldwork shall be carried out only after the sunrise and shall be closed before sunset every day.
- xii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for the execution of the project work
- xiii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.

- xiv. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies/ department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- xv. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC prevalent guidelines and as per Guidelines F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dt:29.01.2018.
- xvi. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- xvii. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal(<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.VANI PRASAD
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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Regional Office, Chennai,
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER